

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1656  
PATENT

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CASE CR9715USDIV1 APPLICATION NO.: 09/575638  
NO.:

CONFIRMATION NO.: 1504 GROUP ART UNIT: 1656

EXAMINER: FILED: MAY 22, 2000

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON  
SOURCE TO 1,3-PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM (AS  
AMENDED)**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated March 31, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. These remarks and accompanying Terminal Disclaimers are submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

Remarks may be found on page 2.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 04-1928.